(b) The work of fencing on the Indo-Bangladesh border is scheduled to be completed by March 1996.

Regional headquarters for Para-military forces at Guwahati

2387. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the Bodo-accord, a regional headquarter for paramilitary forces was proposed to be located at Guwahati, with a view to dealing effectively with mounting insurgency and growing lawlessness and the enthnic unrest in the region; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in setting up the regional headquarter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such commitment in the Bodo Accord.

Modernising the fire fighting system

2388. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a need has been felt to develop and modernise the fire fighting system in the country keeping in view the narrow lanes in the cities, transportation of highly inflammable articles, handling of highly hazardous items by the transporters, laying of underground gas pipes etc; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) It is for the State Governments to develop and modernise their fire fighting system. Technical guidance is, however, provided to States/UTs from time to time.

Scheduled Tribe Officers and Personnel in Delhi Police

2389. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of officers and employees belonging to the Scheduled Tribes working in Police Department in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) what is the number of officers posted at the district and sub division level and at police Stations;

(c) what are the reasons for non-posting of officers belonging to the Scheduled Tribes category as in charge at the district and sub-division level and at Police stations; and

(d) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) 15 officers and 2350 employees belonging to the Scheduled Tribes are working in the Police Department in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(b) 8 Inspectors, 44 Sub-Inspectors, 12 Assistant Sub-Inspectors, 106 Head Constables and 704 Constables are posted in districts, sub-divisions and police stations.

(b) 8 Inspectors, 44 Sub-Inspectors, 12 (b) above.

Crimes against Women

2390. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of atrocities on women that have come to Government's notice including case of rape, stripping bridge burning and subjecting them to humiliation during the past four months;

(b) how many of these crime were committed on tribal and dalit women; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken to protect women against such atrocities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Data on the following categories of atrocities against women is compiled by the Central Government:

1. Rape
2. Dowry death
3. Cruelty by husband and his relatives
4. Molestation.

A statement showing the a vailable data on atrocities against women reported during the last four months of 1993 is attached. [See Appendix 170, Annexure No. 49].

(b) State-wise incidents of rape of Tribals and Dalit women reported during the last four months of 1993 is given in the statement attached. [See Appendix 170, Annexure No. 59]

(c) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State Subjects and as such the registration, investigation, detection and prevention and prevention of crimes, including crimes against women, is the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Government of India have initiated a number of measures to check such crimes. The Dowry Prohibition Act (1961) was amended in 1984 and 1986 to make the law more stringent. The Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure (1973) and the Indian Evidence act (1872) have been amended to deal effectively not only with dowry death cases but also with cases of cruelty to married women. Instructions/guidelines have also been issued from time to time to the State Government/Union Territory Administrations to effectively enforce legislation relating to crimes against women. Besides the media is being used to project women in positive terms. Awareness-generation camps are being organised. Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWACRA) Programme and female literacy programmes are some of the other steps being taken to improve the status of women.

राजभाषा के रूप हिन्दी का प्रयोग

2391. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार भारत की जनसंख्या के कितने प्रतिशत लोग अंग्रेजी भाषा जानते हैं ; और

(ख) कितने प्रतिशत प्रथम श्रेणी के सरकारी अधिकारी हिन्दी भाषा पढ़ तथा लिख सकते हैं और सरकारी काम काज में हिन्दी के प्रयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिये क्या प्रयास किये गये है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. एम. सईद): (क) 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार अंग्रेजी जानने वाले व्यक्तियों से संबंधित आंकड़े संकलित किए जा रहे हैं । 1981 की जनगणना के अनुसार ऐसे व्यक्ति जिनकी मातृभाषा अंग्रेजी है या जिनकी दूसरी भाषा अंग्रेजी है, की जनसंख्या का प्रतिशत 0.54 है ।

(ख) ऐसे श्रेणी-I सरकारी अधिकारियों, जिन्हें कि हिन्दी पढ़ने और लिखने का ज्ञान है, के प्रतिशत के बारे में विवरण सहज उपलब्ध नहीं है ।

सरकारी कामकाज में हिन्दी के प्रयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए उठाये गये कदमों में कर्मचारियों को हिन्दी के सेवाकालीन प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन, हिन्दी टाईपिंग और हिन्दी आशुलिपिक का प्रशिक्षण, आवश्यक कार्यालय उपस्करों तथा हिन्दी टाइपराइटरों, हिन्दी साफ्टवेयर वाले कम्प्यूटरों का प्रावधान, हिन्दी-अंग्रेजी के